

BIG ROCK NEWS

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Annual Big Rock Party

Big Rock held its annual meeting and block party on Saturday, December 9 in the cul-de-sac at the end of Roca Chica. Many community members joined to show support and enjoy time together (pics on next pages). Special guests included: LA County **fire department station 70** personnel; **councilmembers Doug Stewart, Paul Grisanti, and Mayor Steve Uhring**; and ... Santa Claus! Everyone enjoyed the variety of chili dishes, breads, drinks and deserts. President Terry Davis reviewed accomplishments and challenges for the community for 2024.

Neighbors donated toys for the **Toys for Tots** program for 500 homeless children sponsored by Union Rescue Mission.

We also celebrated the winners of the chili cookoff: **Alex Pitschka** first place, **Sue Sundher** second place and **Marcie Post** third.

Other contributors of food and beverage included **Olivier Fortis, Marcie Post, Colin Drummond, Janet Fulk** and **Peter Monge, Patty Phillips** and **James Sarantinos, Terry Davis, Jean Ryan, Lyuba Harris, and Virginia** and **Bill Stone**.

Big applause and many thanks to Colin and Jo Drummond and Patty Phillips for organizing the event, and Marcie Post and Olivier Fortis for helping out in the planning. Others helped with setup and breakdown of tables, chairs, mics, including Raubi Sundher and Colin Drummond with several local teenage helpers.

Many thanks to **Santa Claus** - who delighted kids of all ages.

Next meeting: February 14, 7 PM

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89616980130?pwd=bUU4SIFuYUtTa3FGeWt6bGZ3dDVRdz09>

BRMPOA Information

Board Meetings are held on the 2ND Wednesday of every month at 7 PM. Meetings are **open to all residents and property owners**, and are currently held by Zoom. Zoom link, agenda and post-meeting minutes are sent to members by email.

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Top:

L: Kieran Roy

R: Doug Masterson, Raubi Sundher

Bottom:

L: Terry Davis, Doug Stewart

R: Ava Korchagin



Top:

L: Sue Sundher, Julie Masterson

R: Ava Korchagin

Bottom:

L: Adele Uddo and niece

R: Jeff Grier with daughter Meredith and granddaughter Scarlett



Top:

Colin Drummond, Ellen Relles, Frank Albino, Terry Davis, Patty Phillips, Reza Nabavi, Olivier Fortis, Janet Fulk

Bottom:

L: Sue Sundher, Alex Pitschka, Colin Drummond

R: Patty Phillips, Jo Drummond



Top:

L: Doug Stewart, Peter Monge, Judy Shockley, Frank Albino, Ellen Relles

Bottom:

L: Cyrus Nabavi

C: James Sarantinos, Patty Phillips

R: Juergen Cords



Home/Fire Insurance Discounts for Big Rock Properties

Are you looking for a discount on your home fire insurance? Our Big Rock Mesas area was been awarded the status of **Firewise Community** by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), acting on behalf of its sponsors the USDA Forest Service, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters. Firewise status for a community is earned in any given year when it meets a set of criteria for having acted to mitigate risks from wildfires. For more detail, please visit the NFPA Firewise site:

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>

The Firewise status for Big Rock can earn you a **discount of anywhere from 5-10% on fire insurance** from many of the major insurers, including California Fair Plan. Check with your insurance agent to make sure you get the discount. You can share the **Big Rock Firewise Certificate** with the agent and insurer. The certificate for this year is **reproduced on the next page**.

What does it take for a community to be awarded **Firewise** status? For Big Rock, requirements include a minimum of 200 hours or monetary equivalent spent in wildfire risk reduction actions. These include creating a local committee and a fire mitigation plan, consulting with fire experts on specific local risks and mitigation actions, educational programs for residents, and actions to reduce risks to homes and their outbuildings as well as to "Ignition zones" (high risks areas adjacent to home). BRMPOA has also spent \$22,500 this past year on brush clearance to create a border around the Big Rock community that is cleared of hazardous brush.

Thanks so much to our recent BRMPOA Treasurer, **Stu Walter**, for the hard work and dedication in working with NFPA to get the Big Rock Mesas community our **Firewise** Status – and to giving us all the option to save money!

2023

NATIONAL FIREWISE USA® PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE

OF RECOGNITION

The National Fire Protection Association acknowledges that

Big Rock Mesas Property Owners Association

located in Malibu, CA

has successfully completed the Firewise USA® program's annual requirements for 2023
and is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2024 calendar year.



James T. Pauley, President, NFPA



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